parts, reliability indigenous availability of spares etc. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is also exploring the suitability of technology for Indian coal ash in the contexts of Indian Power Scenario and would accordingly take decision for adoption of the technology.

The Central Electricity Authority has observed that the system is prone to failures due to problems of redundancy, high ash content in Indian coal, type of equipment, spare parts etc.

Procuring money from the Canada Government for Power Reforms

†4475. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are trying to procure money from Canada for power reforms;

(b) if so, whether Government have had any discussion so far with Canada Government on this subject; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As per the agreement signed on 14.03.2002, Canadian International Development Agency has agreed to provide Canadian $13.9 million over a period of 3½ years to support Power Sector reforms in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Electrification of all the villages in Rajasthan

4476. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan that have not yet been electrified;

(b) whether there is any plan to allocate special funds to the State Government so that all villages can be electrified; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Out of total of 37889 inhabited villages in the Rajasthan State as per 1991 census, 36143 villages have been declared as electrified by the end of February, 2002, 1746 villages are yet to be electrified.

(b) and (c) It was resolved in the Chief Ministers' Conference, held on 3rd March, 2001 to complete rural electrification by the end of 10th Plan i.e, by the year 2007 and the coverage of all households by the year 2012, From the year 2001-02, rural electrification has been treated as a Basic Minimum Service and has been included under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Ministry of Finance have released an amount of Rs, 1080.00 lakhs under PMGY and Rs. 507.00 lakhs under Minimum Needs Programme for the year 2001-02 for Rajasthan

The Planning Commission have made an allocation of Rs. 2747.00 crore for all the six components of PMGY including rural electrification, as Additional Central Assistance for the year 2002-03. Under the revised guidelines of PMGY formulated by the Planning Commission, the States would have flexibility to decide their *interse* allocation of ACA among the six PMGY sectors as per their own plan priorities and discretion. The Planning Commission have made a budget provision of Rs. 600 crores as ACA for rural electrification under Minimum Needs Programme for 2002-03.

Power Capacity Addition Programme during Tenth Five Year Plan

4477. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Power for the Tenth Five Year Plan worked out a power generating capacity addition programme of 51000 MW;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether the target includes nuclear and other non-conventional energy sources; and